



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

4th Grade

January 24, 2025

Teacher's Message/Announcements:

Dear 4th Grade Families,

We had a wonderful week in 4th grade and hope you did as well! We finished up our mid year MAP assessments this week. We also have released the cast list for the upcoming Passion Play. The cast list is at the bottom of the newsletter.

We are so excited at the progress that our students have made in the first half of the year! Thank you for all you do and please reach out with any questions.

All the best,
4th Grade Team

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Important School Announcements

- Now that we are in the 3rd quarter (halfway!), we are expecting more of our students. We will be holding students accountable for due dates and following the school's handbook on late assignments. Students are also expected to turn in their assignments in cursive writing. Please reach out if you have any questions.
- The Village School will host their annual GEM (Girls Excelling in Math) tournament on Saturday, March 22. Girls in grades 4 through 8 may participate. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Mrs. DeVane at l.devane@cvillecatholic.org.
- CCS will be participating in the Battle of the Books! Students in grades 3-8 will read books this spring and then compete against other diocesan schools in a trivia-style game. The Battle will take place on Tuesday, May 20, in Richmond. Please email Mrs. DeVane if your child is interested in participating.
- CCS will be holding two Virtus training sessions (Saturday, February 8 and Saturday, March 22) from 11:00AM to 3:00PM. If you plan to chaperone any spring field trips, you

need to be VIRTUS-trained, so please consider signing up for one of these two sessions. You may register at this link: https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0

- **Catholic Schools Week 2025 is January 26 through February 1.** Below are the different ways we will be celebrating at Charlottesville Catholic School:
 - **All Week:**
 - Food Drive for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank
 - **Saturday, January 25 and Sunday, January 26:**
 - Students are encouraged to wear their uniforms to Mass and services this weekend. Sign up to host the CCS information table after Mass at the following parishes:
 - [Church of the Incarnation](#)
 - [St. Thomas Aquinas](#)
 - [Sts. Peter & Paul](#)
 - [Our Lady of the Rosary](#)
 - **Monday, January 27:**
 - Dress Down Day for California fire relief—students who bring in a donation of at least \$5 may have a dress down day (please see the [Uniform Policy](#) for guidelines). All donations will be sent to Commonwealth Catholic Charities to assist in the California fire relief efforts.
 - **Wednesday, January 29:**
 - Patriotic day for Celebrating Our Nation: students may wear patriotic colored-shirts (red for JK-2nd grade; white for 3rd-5th grade; and blue for 6th-8th grade) with jeans or uniform bottoms.
 - NJHS will be hosting a bake sale to benefit Blue Star Families of Central Virginia.
 - **Thursday, January 30:**
 - Fr. Suarez and Fr. Hesko will be at CCS to talk to students about vocations.
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 - **Friday, January 31:**
 - Blue & Gold Day
 - Living Rosary at 8:15AM
 - Catholic Been Finals (immediately following the Living Rosary)
 - Faith Rally at 2:00PM (with Praise & Worship music, as well as Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)



Social Studies

This week in SS, students finished up chapter 4 which focuses on what life was like in the early days of Virginia. Students took their test over this chapter on Thursday.

Next week, we will begin chapter 5 which focuses on the American Revolution!

Math

This week in Math, we reviewed before taking our first math test on fractions. This unit focused on equivalent fractions. Next week we will begin adding and subtracting fractions. Please continue to review multiplication and division facts at home. Keeping these facts in mind will help students be successful in the next unit.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in LA, students continued learning about poetry. We are learning about different types of poems, their structures, and how to read them. Students focused on poems such as "Journey to Be" and "The Railway Train". This was a lot of fun and very engaging!

Theology

This week in Theology, we prepared for Catholic Schools Week and learned about the sacraments of penance and reconciliation. Next week will be full of fun as we celebrate all the amazing things about Catholic schools and prepare for Mass on February 4th.

Science

This week in Science, we learned about the planets and stars. We sorted facts about the different planets and students got to create their own planets. We also learned about the outer galaxy.

Reminder, Student's Solar system projects are due next Wednesday the 29th. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Passion Play Parts 2025:

Narrators (6): Eric F., Vivian, Bo, Alex,

William, Avery

Jesus: Jonathan

Pontius Pilot: Pierce

Judas: Maggie

Simon Peter: Arlo

John: Greyson

High Priest: Kate Morschauser

Soldier (3): Harvey, Luke, Casey

Criminal 1: Eric W.

Criminal 2: Luka

Witness 1: Malcolm

Witness 2: Jamie

Witness 3: Mason

Someone from Crowd: Ainsley

Accuser: Colin

Mary: Julianne

Man by the Fire: Grant

Maid: Kate McGowan

Angel (3): Allison/Easton/Faith

Apostle 1: Alec

Apostle 2: Jon D.

Apostle 3: Cecily

Apostle 4: Alexandra

Apostle 5: Coleson

Apostle 6: Ela

Apostle 7: Maryn

Apostle 8: Grace

Apostle 9: Amber

Apostle 10: Will

Apostle 11: Eva

Mary's

Supporters: Lauren/Davis/Victoria

We are excited to be offering a variety of after-school clubs. Below you will find some information on the offerings. Each CCS staff-led club will cost \$175.00 per session. The cost will go towards supplies and compensation for teachers. Please read about the clubs below and contact the instructor if you are interested in signing up or have further questions. Payment for the classes will be through FACTS.

Tap Dance - Mrs. Mitchell (c.mitchell@cvillecatholic.org)

Grades K - 3 on Mondays from 3:30 - 4:35

Dates: February 3, 24

March 3, 10, 24, 31

April 7, 14

May 5, 12

This energetic and exciting class is designed to provide young dancers with an introduction to the fundamentals of tap dance. Early exposure to the rhythms and unique mind-to-foot connection associated with tap dance will allow students to progress and excel at the art as they move through life.

Students will need tap shoes for the class.

Guided Art - Mrs. Shank (c.shank@cvillecatholic.org)

Grades Kindergarten and First Grade on Tuesdays from 3:30 - 4:30

Dates: March 4, 11, 18, 25

April 1, 8, 15, 29

May 6, 13

This club offering is a guided art exploration. It will consist of making art and crafts with different art mediums.

Origami Club - Mrs. Hirano (s.chung-hirano@cvillecatholic.org)

Grades 2-8 on Mondays from 3:30 - 4:30

Dates: February 24

March 3, 10, 24, 31

April 7, 14, 28

May 12, 19

Students will learn the art of origami. Through this art, they will improve their hand-eye coordination.

Sewing Club - Mrs. Meszaros (h.meszaros@cvillecatholic.org)

Grades 3-5 on Mondays from 3:30 - 4:30

Dates: February 24

March 3, 10, 24, 31

April 7, 14, 28

May 12, 19

Make-up days May 2 and 16, if needed

Students will learn basic hand and machine sewing skills, as well as build collaboration skills and promote creativity and community. Students will learn simple embroidery and hand stitches.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC
SCHOOL CELEBRATES



Catholic Schools Week **2025**

JAN 27-31

• *Monday*

**Celebrating
Our
Community**

\$5+ donation Dress
Down Day to benefit
California wildfire relief
efforts (Commonwealth
Catholic Charities)

• *Tuesday*

**Celebrating
Our
Students**

Mass at 8:15AM
All are
welcome!

• *Wednesday*

**Celebrating
Our
Nation**

Patriotic shirts (JK-2
red; 3-5 white; 6-8
blue) with jeans or
uniform bottoms

• *Friday*

**Celebrating
Faculty, Staff,
Families, &
Volunteers**

Blue & Gold Day
Living Rosary
Catholic Bee
Faith Rally
Adoration

• *Thursday*

**Celebrating
Vocations**

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